

SCORES BURN
AND DROWNTerrible Railroad Wreck on
Canadian Pacific

DIVING FOR THE BODIES

It Is Not Definitely Known How Many
Were Carried Down in Car Which
Plunged into Spanish
River.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Jan. 22.—The number of dead in the Canadian Pacific railroad wreck, when a passenger train leaped the rails and two cars plunged into the Spanish river east of this place last evening has not been accurately secured, but it is now believed that it will be fifty. The number of the injured is also in doubt. Many of the latter were brought here and others were taken to Espanola. Divers are in the river seeking for the bodies in the two cars which made the plunge. Many lives were also lost in the five forward cars which were consumed by fire after being wrecked. The actual death list may never be known. It was one of the most terrible wrecks in the history of Canada. Burning to death, drowning and being crushed under the wreckage were the three agencies of destruction.

The wreck occurred about 37 miles west of Sudbury, where the tracks cut into the side of a steep hill, which is skirted by the river. The forward part of the train passed over the break, or whatever it was, in safety. The day coach, which was the fourth from the end of the train, was the first to leave the rails. The train was running at the rate of about 40 miles an hour and the momentum carried the car down the hill in terrific plunges. About 25 passengers were in this car and it is practically certain that none escaped.

Two minutes after the first crash only the roof of the day coach showed above the floating ice in the river. The second crash, the next in the train, smashed against the end of a culvert, or small sized bridge, and was crushed like an eggshell. Some of the passengers were killed outright but others, caught in the wreckage, which almost immediately broke into flames, were roasted to death before they could be rescued. The stanch construction of the dining car saved its occupants. It followed the day coach to the very brink of the river but every one on board escaped without serious injury. The sleeper turned over on its side on the embankment. There were only some members of the train crew in the sleeper at the time and they escaped with slight injuries.

Every man who was able to stand at once turned to the work of rescue. Snow was piled up on the burning second class car and the train crew and uninjured passengers did some heroic work in trying to rescue those pinned in the burning wreckage. Physicians were hurried to the scene from Sudbury as soon as word was received, and a wrecking train with General Superintendent Gullittus made record time from North Bay. Arrangements were made to bring a diver on a special train from Sault Ste. Marie to recover the bodies from the submerged car and he is now at the wreck with a diving outfit.

OFFICIALS REPORT.

Don't Know How Many Bodies Are In
the River.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 22.—Vice-President McNeil of the Canadian railway late last night issued the following statement in regard to the wreck at Webwood:

"The latter half of a train from Montreal to Minneapolis, which left Montreal on Thursday night, left the track on Friday afternoon about four miles west of Nain on the Soo branch, just east of the bridge crossing the Spanish river. The cause is as yet unknown."

"One coach struck the end of the bridge and was destroyed, another going into the river. About 20 passengers are reported injured, three or four seriously. They have been taken to Sudbury hospital. Several bodies have been recovered from the wreck and more are supposed to be in the coach in the river. The dining car was only partly submerged and the passengers escaped. The sleeper turned over on its side."

"The general superintendent is upon the ground with a large gang of men clearing the wreckage and a diver is on the way from Sault Ste. Marie."

REJECTS DEMANDS.

Delaware, Lackawanna and Western
Says They Are Illogical.

New York, Jan. 22.—Announcement was made by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad yesterday afternoon that the road had rejected the demands of the trainmen and conductors.

An official of the road stated that the demands of the men, as presented, were illogical, and in many respects an inequitable that their adoption would prove unwise.

VERMONT CASE FILED.

To Test Constitutionality of Corporation
Tax Law.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—The first direct step to have the supreme court of the United States pass upon the constitutionality of the corporation tax, imposed by the Payne tariff act, was taken yesterday, when the case of Stella P. Flint, general guardian of the property of Samuel N. Stone, Jr., a minor, against the Stone, Tracy company, a retail mercantile corporation, was filed in the office of the clerk of the court.

Part of the property of the minor consists of shares in the Stone, Tracy company, a retail mercantile corporation. A suit was brought to prevent the corporation from filing a statement of its indebtedness and giving other information in regard to its business, as required by the Payne act of such corporations before March, as a basis for applying the tax.

It is contended that the corporation tax provisions of the act are unconstitutional and that the filing of the information will give a competing firm, which is incorporated an undue advantage over it.

TROUBLE AHEAD FOR
PACKING COMPANY

Civil Suit May Be Instituted to Dissolve
It, and Criminal Proceedings Instituted
Against Owners—Held
Responsible for High
Prices.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—In the proceedings which the government has instituted against the beef trust, no immunity exists will be possible. If the evidence needed to be submitted to the Chicago grand jury warrants it, a civil suit will be started to dissolve the packing company and probably criminal proceedings will be instituted against the members of the firms of the Armour, Swift and Nelson Morris companies, who are held to be responsible for the high price of meats, owing to a monopoly. It is alleged that the National Packing company, which is owned by Swift, Morris and Armour, arbitrarily fixes the price of cattle on the hoof and of meats, and so is named under the meaning of the Sherman law.

HEINZE LET OFF
ON TECHNICALITY

Second Indictment on Charge of Manipulating
Funds for His Own Use
Was Quashed.

New York, Jan. 22.—The second indictment against F. Augustus Heinze, charged with the manipulation of the funds of the Mercantile National bank for his private use, was quashed by Judge Hough to-day. The motion was granted because the district attorney introduced into the grand jury room the expert accountant who examined the witnesses and on whose evidence the indictment was brought. District Attorney Wise says he will present the case against Heinze to another grand jury.

ON BIRDS AND PLANTS.

Vermont Science Clubs Meet at Bur-

lington, Jan. 22.—The midwinter meeting of the Vermont botanical club and the annual meeting of the Vermont bird club opened in joint session at the Williams science hall yesterday. Prof. Ezra Brainard of Middlebury college and Prof. G. H. Perkins of the university of Vermont were chairman and Prof. L. R. Jones of the university of Vermont and C. D. Howe of Essex Junction were secretaries.

NO TRACE OF TREASURER.

Who Is Alleged to Have Taken Big Sum

at Southbridge, Mass., Jan. 22.—No trace has been found of John A. Ball, treasurer of the Southbridge Savings bank, who is alleged to have gone, with a defalcation of \$21,000 charged up against him. The books of the bank, which believe the defalcation will reach \$100,000, it is not likely that the six thousand depositors will suffer greatly.

\$600 AND 30 DAYS.

Augusta Druggist Guilty in a Liquor

Case. Me., Jan. 22.—Judge Hall of the Kennebec superior court yesterday imposed a sentence of \$600 and costs and 30 days in jail upon Bernard E. Ouellet, an Augusta druggist, arraigned in a liquor nuisance case. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty, after being out nearly six hours.

CHELSEA.

George Washington Lodge, F. and A. M.,

Elects Officers—Installation Feb. 3.

At the annual meeting of George Washington lodge, No. 51, F. and A. M., held Thursday evening, the following officers were elected and appointed for the coming year: Worshipful master, Harry F. Bryant; senior warden, Stanley C. Wilson; junior warden, William Morse; treasurer, Hiram N. Mathison; secretary, Col. Robert O. Dixey; senior deacon, William H. Hill; junior deacon, Charles H. Burges; senior steward, Oliver E. Burgess; junior steward, William H. Dearborn; chaplain, Allen E. Dickinson; marshal, Leon C. Ordway; tyler, Ernest B. Dickinson. After the election of officers, the M. M. degree was conferred upon Charles L. Denison, following which the stewards served cake, coffee and champagne. There were several visiting brethren from Minerva lodge of Co. 10th and several from Rising Sun lodge of South Royalton. The newly elected officers will be installed at a special meeting called for Thursday evening, February 3.

CREW STICK
TO SCHOONERAlthough She Lies in a Peril-
ous Position

CAPT. STAPLES' WIFE ALSO

Rough Sea and Thick Weather Prevent
Efforts to Take the S. G. Haskell
off Handkerchief
Shoals.

Chatham, Mass., Jan. 22.—The schooner, S. G. Haskell, remains in a precarious position on Handkerchief shoals. Captain Staples, his wife, his crew and the Monomoy life savers were aboard all night. There is a rough sea and thick weather. The revenue cutter Auschuel is standing by. The schooner is laden with hard pine lumber from Brunswick, Ga., to Portland.

Within two hours after she ran upon a shoal she began to leak, and, with a southeast storm threatening, her chances of getting off were considered poor. A small tug reached the scene in the morning and the Monomoy Point life savers returned with the report that there was a crew of eight men aboard and that the captain's wife was with him.

The S. G. Haskell is a vessel of 582 tons burden and was built at Millbridge, Me., in 1891. Her managing owners are John S. Emery & Co., of Boston.

WALZAK FOUND IN NEW YORK.

West Rutland Baker's Mind Unbalanced

Supposedly from Overwork.

Rutland, Jan. 22.—Joseph Walzak, who has conducted a bakery in West Rutland for nearly three years, and who disappeared several weeks ago, has been found in a hospital in New York, his mind having become unbalanced, supposedly from overwork. He had a large trade and did all of the baking himself, the work of at least two men. He had acted strangely for several months.

When he left town he had half a car load of flour at the railroad station, and this has been stored up in the bakery and the building locked up.

JOHNSON MAY NOT
APPEAR IN TORONTO

Case Against Him, on Charge of As-
sault, Put Over till Tomorrow Be-
cause of Absence of Wit-
nesses.

New York, Jan. 22.—When the case of Jack Johnson, charged with assaulting Norman Pinder, another negro, was called to-day for prosecution, the witnesses were not on hand and the state had the trial go over until tomorrow. Johnson is booked to appear in Toronto Monday, but may be on the rockpile.

SPLINTER IN HIS NECK.

Mill Worker Was In Serious Condition

for a Time.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 22.—The surgical staff of the Brightford hospital here operated upon a man under strange circumstances Thursday evening. At about six o'clock a team came hurrying into the hospital drive and discharged its passenger which proved to be a man with a huge splinter passed through his throat. The surgeons saw that it was a serious case and set to work at once. It was found that the splinter had nearly severed the tongue of the unfortunate man and it was at first feared that he would die.

The man is Abner J. McGrath, who was employed by the Moore River Lumber company at Damons corner. McGrath ran an edge at the mill and the peculiar accident occurred late Thursday afternoon.

STRONG REPERTOIRE COMPANY.

Whiteseid-Strauss Coming to Barre

Opera House Next Week.

One of the strongest repertoire organizations that will visit Barre this season, comes to the opera house all next week, matinee Saturday.

This company played here last season and left a good reputation, having received flattering criticism from both press and public.

The plays are all new, and are presented exclusively by this company for the first time at popular prices. They include several well-known New York successes.

The stars, Messrs. Whiteseid and Strauss are both young, clever and experienced actors, and the supporting company is said to be unusually competent and well balanced.

Several high class specialties, headed by the "Johnson Sisters" two girls who can sing and dance, "The Musical Lockwood," high class musical artists, playing a variety of brass, reed and novelty instruments, "Miss Maude in Cielmont," the petite comedienne, "Burdette Brown," the greatest of all comedy actresses, "Miss Sylvia Laid Law," in character songs, and "Mr. Will H. Strauss," that funny fellow.

Ladies' tickets will be issued for Monday night only and are limited to 300 and must be secured at the advance sale.

FOUGHT WITH BULLDOG.

Rutland Man Aided by Woman Who
Handed Knife to Him.

Rutland, Jan. 22.—Attacked by a savage bulldog, Adolphus Vondette of West Rutland, aged 63 years, had a thrilling fight on the Clarendon field yesterday afternoon, finally killing the animal with a knife, given him by an Italian woman, who lives near by the scene of the struggle. Vondette was so badly bitten that Dr. C. C. Barry of West Rutland, worked over him for more than an hour before his wounds were properly dressed. The owner of the dog is known to be a man by the name of Seneset and it is probable that steps will be taken to place the blame for the incident.

As Vondette was coming along the road, he noticed a cow lying on the ground with one of its legs broken. He walked over to investigate and as he was standing beside the animal filling his pipe, a large bulldog sprang upon him, sinking its teeth in his left arm. The man grabbed the dog by the throat with his right hand, trying to break its hold while he was struggling with the animal, an Italian woman ran up with a large knife.

In order to take this from her, Vondette had to release his hold on the dog's throat and as he let go the dog grabbed his left hand and hung on until Vondette had finally cut the animal's throat with the knife. Vondette suffered greatly from the shock and loss of blood.

SEVENTEEN DIVORCES GRANTED.

Windor County Court Adjourns After

an Eventful Term.

Woodstock, Jan. 22.—Windor county court has adjourned for the term. In all 17 divorces have been granted, the greater number of them within the last two days, as follows: Lena G. Wright of South Royalton, from Fred B. Wright for intolerable severity; Robert Spry of Rutland, from Margaret Fletcher Seyers for wilful desertion; Myrtle Curtis of East Rutland, from Edward Curtis for desertion; Frank A. Clough of Pomfret, from Ellen A. Clough for adultery; Oella Preston Smith of Sharon, from Alon Clark Smith for wilful desertion, custody of minor child decreed to petitioner; Mary A. Watt of Springfield, from Collin A. Watt for wilful desertion, care and custody of minor children decreed to petitioner; Maud Chambers of Windor, from Frank Chambers for intolerable severity; Cora B. Van Gilder of Ludlow, from Frank Van Gilder for wilful desertion, petitioner may resume her maiden name of Cora B. Hall; Alice E. Curtis of Windor, from John H. Curtis; Carmine Barbatti, from Josie Barbatti for desertion; Sadie J. Hooper from Fred E. Hooper for gross, open and cruel neglect and refusal to support, petitioner to resume her maiden name.

Walter Johnson of Springfield pleaded not guilty to assault with intent to commit rape and his bail was fixed at \$500.

FIRE AT EAST BARRE

WAS THREATENING

George Libersonts House on High Street

Damaged This Forenoon, Fire

Department Men Did

Good Work.

Effective work by the East Barre fire department averted a serious fire this forenoon when flames broke out in the all of George Libersonts' house on High street and threatened to spread to two neighboring houses, which stand but fifteen feet away. After an hour's fighting the firemen had the flames out, having confined them to the all of the Libersonts house, although the main part of the house was somewhat damaged by smoke and water.

The fire broke out at about ten o'clock, probably from the kitchen stove, as it was just back of the stove that it was first seen. The alarm was given, and the fire company was soon on the scene, attaching two lines of hose and fighting with plenty of water to back them up. By eleven o'clock the fire was subdued, and the occupants of the high street breathed easier. It is probable that if the flames had consumed the Libersonts house, they could not have been stopped from taking in the houses nearby, and that meant the sweeping of the whole street.

Mr. Libersont was the owner of the house, and his loss is estimated at \$500. The building was insured for \$500 and the furniture for \$500.

GIRLS NOT GUILTY.

Verdict for Them Returned by Jury in

20 Minutes.

After being out about 20 minutes the jury in the larceny case of Zilla and Leta Sargent, brought in a verdict yesterday afternoon of not guilty. The two respondents were discharged. The case took up a day and a half in hearing and a dozen witnesses were put on the stand. E. A. Hoar appeared for the girls and Grand Juror E. R. Davis and M. M. Gordon for the prosecution.

BURIAL AT TROY, N. Y.

A. Hanson Who Died in Montpelier To-

day, Aged 73 Years.

Andres Hanson, father of George Hanson, a clerk in the state auditor's office at Montpelier, died at Repton hospital this morning from a shock, which was sustained a week ago. He came to Montpelier last fall from Troy, N. Y., to make his home with his son. The body will be taken to Troy for interment. He was 73 years old and a native of Denmark. He leaves his wife and three sons, John of Boston, Roy of Troy and George of Montpelier.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Mrs. Collins Daffne of 25 Church street picked a small bouquet of yellow pansies in her garden this morning. It is rather an unusual occurrence to happen in a Vermont January.

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BROKEN ARM OR QUIT.

Young Gotch Chose the Latter and Han-

sen Won the Match.

Burlington, Jan. 22.—Fritz Hansen won a mixed wrestling match at the Armory last night from Young Gotch, two to straight fall. The first, in Greco-Roman style, took 35 minutes, the fall being accomplished by a double hammer lock, in which Gotch had to have his arm broken. Hansen won the second fall, which was a catch-can, with a toe hold. Gotch was the toughest proposition met by Hansen.

HE PREFERRED
RESTRAINTWilliam Taft, Insane Asylum
Patient

AND WAS RE-COMMITTED

Announcement Made That All Washing-
ton County Insane Cases Will Be
Taken Up for Hearing on Cer-
tain Dates.

Waiting all rights about being committed to the state insane asylum at Waterbury, in fact, doing all he could to be returned there, William Taft was given a hearing in Washington county probate court at Montpelier yesterday afternoon under the decision of the supreme court that a formal hearing must be made. Mr. Taft liked the asylum and he was willing to have Supt. Grout appointed his guardian, which the court allowed, after ordering him committed. Taft was one of the inmates who are being given a formal hearing.

Notice was given at the hearing that all the other Washington county cases in this matter of recommitment to conform with the law will be heard on February 18 and 19 and March 4 and 5, between the hours of nine a. m. and four p. m.

Supt. Grout, who attended the hearing in the Washington county case yesterday, went to-day to Williamstown, where a hearing was given to Orange county cases. The patients whose cases were taken up were Parker M. Burbank, George Andrews, Mary Folsome, Loretta Hughes and Herman Hook of Chelsea, Charles E. Tuttle and Alice McCarthy of Williamstown, E. S. Ratner and Hattie Emery of Washington.

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ANOTHER ARGUMENT
FOR CHANGING RIVER

Ice Blocked Channel Under Barre Rail-
road Bridge and Caused
High Water.

This early this year an unquestion-
able argument in favor of the removal
of the river from the rear of the busi-
ness blocks was made when the high
water this morning started a large
quantity of the ice floating down the
river and caused a jam at the bridge in
the rear of the Miles' Granite block,
that for a while assumed serious propor-
tions. Last fall the Barre Railroad put
two extra piers under this bridge and
one near Prospect street, which just
quartered the then all too narrow space
for the high water and ice that comes
every spring to pass through. The
four channels between the piers are
now so narrow that an ice jam and con-
sequent flooding of the basements of
the block is practically inevitable. The
ice has to be in very small pieces and
widely scattered to possibly get by the
bridges without a jam. This morning
there was a high jam of ice that ex-
tended back considerable distance above
the bridge in the rear of the Miles' Granite
block and Street Superintendent De-
Brosse, with a gang of men, got after
it early and by picking the cakes into
small pieces with spikes got it cleared
by 10 o'clock. This jam was only a
mere beginning of what would have
been experienced had the ice in the
forks of the dam gone out, but the water
did not rise high enough to break up
the ice in the dam though there are
large cakes a foot thick hanging over
the edge of the dam already to drop
over with a little higher water. The
ice also remained intact underneath the
Prospect street bridge, but there is a
good sized jam just around the bend
above the bridge.

The ice above the Prospect street
bridge broke up this noon and caused
a jam beneath the bridge, which the
men were unable to relieve with their
spikes, and at two o'clock this afternoon
charges of dynamite were set off that
broke up large sections of the jam at
a time and set them floating down the
river.

The streets and the sidewalks more
especially on the side streets of the city
are covered with glare ice, making the
walking most hazardous as many pe-
destrians have experienced in attempting
to walk on them. Many bumps are be-
ing nursed to-day but no serious injuries
have been reported.

POULTRY MEN

WELL PLEASED

Have a Good Balance in Their Associa-

tion Treasury and Plan for

Next Show.

All indebtedness paid and assets
amounting to nearly \$500 was the grati-
fying report to which the members of
the Vermont Poultry association listened
at the annual meeting, which was held
in the city court room last evening. All
of the members are very well satisfied
with this condition of affairs and con-
sider that the association has done re-
markably well in the few years that it
has been organized.

The officers for the ensuing year were
also elected last evening, and practically
all were re-elected. The officers are as
follows: President, E. M. Lyon, vice-
presidents, A. P. Abbott, Charles Oliver,
Barre, Walter Belleville, Granvilleville, F.
W. Strong, A. N. Stratton, Montpelier, C.
I. Hatch, Waterbury, C. W. Coolidge,
Bristol, W. F. Brown, Berlin, F. J. Nut-
tall, Plainfield, B. F. Davis, South Cabot,
Frank Hayes, Orange, O. W. Brookway,
Randolph Center, D. E. Brammer, West
Pawlet; secretary, R. S. Currier, Barre;
treasurer, William Brown, Barre; auditors,
William Eager and J. L. Wallace; executive
committee, to act in conjunction
with the officers of the association, J.
W. Roberts, George Booth, W. G.
Knight, William Bradbury, George W.
Barnard, Edward Chesser and George L.
Morris.

The matter of having a show at the
end of the present year or the first of
next was discussed, and it was decided
to hold such an exhibition, the time
and place to be decided upon later. In
the matter of judging the birds, it was
decided by a vote of the members present
to use the comparison system, instead
of the score-card system, as was used
in this year's show.

The members of the association wish
to express their thanks to the public for
the patronage of their latest show and
also to thank those who gave cash spe-
cials.

TO MEET IN NORTHFIELD.

Sixth Masonic District on Wednesday,

January 26.

The annual meeting of the sixth masonic district will be held at Northfield with DeWitt Clinton lodge, No. 15, on Wednesday afternoon and evening, Jan. 26. In the afternoon the following craft degree will be worked by Aurora lodge of Montpelier and in the evening the Master Mason's degree will be exemplified by Granite lodge of Barre. The grand lodge officers who are expected to be present are Lee S. Thibault of St. Albans, grand master; Henry H. Ross of Burlington, grand secretary; Charles H. Jerning of Burlington, grand lecturer, and it is expected that other officers of the grand lodge will be present. The lodges in the sixth district are DeWitt Clinton, No. 15, of Northfield; Aurora, No. 22, of Montpelier; Granite, No. 35, of Barre; Windsor, No. 49, of Waterbury; Green Mountain, No. 85, of Cabot; Mad River, No. 77, of Wellsfield; Wyoming, No. 80, of North Montpelier; Frank K. Goss of Montpelier is the district deputy grand master of this district.

Among arrivals at the City hotel last evening and to-day were S. W. Himes, W. A. Davison, Burlington; O. A. Smith, Mansfield, Ohio; C. F. Buttersack, F. R. McQueston, Boston; Henry Mearns, New York.

COMMITTEES
IN CONFERENCEManufacturers Remove Ob-
jections of Unions

REARRANGE COMMITTEE

To Make It All Barre Manufacturers,
and Conference of Two Is Being
Held This Afternoon—Two
New Men on Committee.

The Barre Manufacturers' association at a largely attended meeting held last night rearranged its conference committee by making it all Barre manufacturers, thus removing the objections of the lookout committees of the local unions, which refused to meet any committee otherwise composed. The old committee was excused and a new one elected, as follows: William Marr, William Barclay, James Marston, J. B. Magnaghi and James Adie, Messrs. Marr, Barclay and Marston were members of the old committee. Notice was sent this morning by the secretary of the manufacturers' association to the committees of the Barre unions affected that they were ready to meet them with an all-Barre committee at the convenience of the lookout committees, and a conference between the committees representing Barre branches, G. C. I. A., and the manufacturers is being held this